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SUBJ: CARIBBEAN COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE

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1. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS CONFERENCE, WE FEEL THAT PERIOD BETWEEN LATE MAY AND MID-JUNE DOES NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE TIME TO PREPARE PROPERLY. THIS EXPECIALLY TRUE GIVEN EMBASSY INVOLVEMENT IN IDB BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING IN SANTO DOMINGO, MAY 19 TO 21 AND OUR FOOD PROCESSING/PACKAGING CATALOG SHOW AND SEMINAR, JUNE 2 TO 4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THEREFORE, THAT CONFERENCE BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE FALL.

2. EMBASSY REMAINS INTERESTED IN HOSTING THE CONFERENCE IN
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SANTO DOMINGO. AGENDA WOULD REMAIN THE SAME AS OUTLINED REFS B) AND C), I.E., PUERTO RICAN PRESENTATION; INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY

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REPORTS; CARICOM STATUS; WASHINGTON PRESENTATION OF STATE/COMMERCE EXPORT PROMOTION EFFORTS; AND SPECIAL BRIEFING/DISCUSSION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF U.S. CONSTRUCTION AND CONSULTING ENGINEERING FIRMS.

3. FINALLY, POSTPONEMENT OF CONFERENCE OFFERS AN ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY: THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE IN LATIN AMERICA (AACCLA) WILL BE HOLDING ITS MID-TERM MEETING IN SANTO DOMINGO IN NOVEMBER. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED INFORMALLY WITH AACCLA REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT PATRICK HUGHSON (PAST PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN CHAMBER HERE) POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING AACCLA MEETING AND COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFIERENCE CONSECUTIVELY, PROVIDING A HALF OR FULL DAY OVERLAP FOR JOINT MEETINGS AND DISCUSSION. HUGHSON IS ENTHUSIASTIC AND IS PREPARED TO RAISE ISSUE DURING AACCLA ANNUAL MEETING IN WASHINGTON LATER THIS MONTH. EMBASSY BELIEVES THE NOVEMBER CONFERENCE COULD BE EXCELLENT FORUM FOR ENCOURAGING COOPERATIVE EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF EXPORT PROMOTION BETWEEN US POSTS AND AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN ABROAD. HURWITCH

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